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REMARKS

In the Office Action, the examiner rejected Claims 17-20, 22-27 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Henson (U.S. Patent No. 6,167,383) in view of Crutchfield (www.arichive.org). The examiner rejected Claims 21 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Henson (U.S. Patent No. 6,167,383) in view of Crutchfield (www.arichive.org) and further in view of official notice.

With respect to Claim 17, it is stated that the cited Henson reference shows all of the elements in Claim 17 except for the vehicle information page and that the cited Crutchfield reference shows the vehicle information page that allows the system builder to show the items that fit. The examiner stated that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to combine the teachings in the cited Henson reference and the cited Crutchfield reference.

Accordingly, the applicant has amended Claim 17 to more clearly differentiate the present invention from the technologies disclosed by the cited references. More specifically, the applicant has added the limitation of "wherein images of two or more different main systems and two or more different sub-systems are displayed during the steps thereby facilitating selection of a desired system" to Claim 17. This limitation is supported by disclosure of the instant application because Figure 3 shows the images of two or more different main systems and Figure 6 shows the

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images of two or more different sub-systems. The specification with reference to Figures 3 and 6, respectively, describes this features in detail.

The cited Henson reference shows the image of one main system in Fig. 3A, 4, etc., but does not show any images of two or more different main systems. The cited Henson reference does not show any image sub-system let alone images of two or more different sub-systems. For example, the screens of Figs. 3A and 3B for selecting the sub-system do not have any images of sub-systems therein. Therefore, the cited Henson reference does not show the essential feature of the present invention.

The cited Crutchfield reference shows the web-based online store to configure electronic audio products. The cited Crutchfield reference does not show any concept or distinction between a main system and a sub-system. In the selection process, the online store of the cited Crutchfield reference guides the user to select a manufacturer and a model of the product of a particular manufacturer. Then the process goes to select the components of the selected model. More importantly, the cited Crutchfield reference does not show any images of two or more different main systems and any images of two or more different sub-system. Therefore, the cited Crutchfield reference does not show the essential feature of the present invention.

As discussed above, the present invention defined in Claim 17 is fully distinguishable from the cited references, and thus, the

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rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is no longer applicable to the invention of Claim 17. Claims 18-29 are dependent upon Claim 17 and defined the features of the present invention with further specificities. Thus, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is no longer applicable to the inventions of Claim 18-29.

In view of the foregoing, the applicant believes that Claims 17-29 are in condition for allowance, and accordingly, the applicant respectfully requests that the present application be allowed and passed to issue.

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